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B. Key Issues Briefing (Patrick Wright, Michael Mantell - Discussion)

Briefings on the following issues will be provided to prepare for issues and concerns that will most likely be raised during the public meeting.

Accord Extension Issues (Tom Hagler)

Tom Hagler will provide an overview of issues relative to the development of the Accord extension.

Spring Export Reduction Plan (Mantell/Wright)

Several environmental stakeholders have expressed concern about the potential weakening of the water quality standards that could occur as a result of the agreement on spring export reduction. The agreement (signed on April 25 and distributed at the CALFED Management Team Meeting on April 25) is attached (Attachment 4).

B(2) Definition (Mike Spear and Laura King)

The definition of the B(2) water has been an issue that has been raised repeatedly by stakeholders. Interior representatives have committed to developing a plan by the end of May. Mike Spear and Laura King will provide an overview of the current efforts.

Flood Management Activities (Steve Yaeger)

Several recent meetings have highlighted the need for more coordinated federal and state efforts related to flood management activities. Steve will provide a general overview of concerns that may be raised by stakeholders and will continue the discussion in the afternoon session.

Cost-Share Agreement (Mantell/Wright)

Several stakeholders have indicated that they would like to become involved in the discussions as soon as possible. The latest version of the cost-share agreement is attached (Attachment 5).

Water Quality Issues (Lester Snow)

Lester will provide an overview of concerns relative to drinking water quality that have been raised by several groups of stakeholders.

Water Transfers (Lester Snow)

Lester will provide an overview of concerns that stakeholders have expressed relative to water transfers. We are currently planning to establish a BDAC Water Transfers Work Group to begin to address many of these issues.

Session 2:

A. Review of Stakeholder Comments from Public Meeting (Perciasepe/Wheeler - Discussion)

B. Flood Management Coordination - (Steve Yaeger - Update/Discussion)

Several CALFED agencies and CALFED staff members attended the May 6, 1997 Interagency Task Force meeting to discuss the Phase III non-structural alternatives for levee repair. Several issues were highlighted at that meeting including: 1) a need for leadership relative to identifying willing sellers, developing incentives and risk management tools and interagency teams; 2) a need for resources both in staff and local share of capital; and 3) a need for physical solutions to bridge the gap between Phase III activities and Phase IV actions. Steve will coordinate presentations by the agencies involved to illustrate the problems and the options to address them.

C. CALFED Bay-Delta Program

Primary CALFED Program Issues (Lester Snow/Patrick Wright - Discussion)

At the April 25, CALFED Management Team, Patrick Wright reviewed a list of issues that the ClubFED agencies had developed at a recent retreat. This list of issues has been further refined and Patrick will lead a discussion on some of the primary issues that must be resolved in the long-term process.

Alternative Evaluation Process and Performance Criteria (Lester Snow/Rick Breitenbach -- Discussion)

Lester and Rick Breitenbach will provide a brief overview on the evaluation process and selection criteria that will be used to evaluate the alternatives. The presentation will demonstrate the process the program is proposing the begin narrowing the number of alternatives and variations. The process will also describe how the narrowing and selection of the preferred alternative will fit together. In subsequent meetings, we will discuss the process for selecting the preferred alternative. This process is described briefly in the attached overheads (Attachment 6).

Schedule to Select Preferred Alternative (Lester Snow - Status/Update)

Lester will provide an overview of the schedule leading to the selection of the preferred alternative.

ERPP Scientific Review Process (Kate Hansel - Status/Update and initial approval)

In response to concerns raised by both agencies and stakeholders, CALFED will convene a panel to provide scientific review and evaluation of the Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan (ERPP). At the recent CALFED Management Team meeting, CALFED staff committed to providing the Policy Group with an expanded list of questions that may be asked of the panel and a roster of candidates from which the scientific panel will be selected. Attachment 7 provides a description of the process that

the Program intends to utilize for the scientific review and contains a list of general questions that have been suggested by agency staff and stakeholders regarding the ERPP. A steering committee comprised of CALFED agency staff is assisting Program staff in developing the questions and roster of panel members. Attachment 8 provides a list of candidate panel members along with information compiled by the steering committee giving some indication as to expertise and preference. A scientific panel composed of 8-12 experts representing a broad range of expertise will be selected by the end of May. The steering committee will meet over the next several weeks to further revise the questions and develop a ranked list of candidates.

D. Restoration Coordination

Restoration Coordination Activities (Cindy Darling -- Update)

In response to questions raised at the last CALFED Management Team meeting, we have included a recently prepared overview of the Restoration Coordination Program

RFP and Selection Criteria (Cindy Darling - Decision/Approval)

The request for proposals for Category III is scheduled to be released on approximately May 19. The package (RFP) will include the following sections:

- 1) Instructions on how to file an application, who may file, the maximum amount of funding expected to be available, the schedule, and other pertinent information;
- 2) Criteria that will be used to evaluate proposals (see Attachment 9);
- 3) The stressors which impact the priority species and habitats, indication of the priority of those stressors system-wide and in the different geographic areas and example actions that can be taken to address the stressors (Attachment 10); and
- 4) The format to be used to submit proposals.

Some important considerations for members of the policy team include the following:

- All potential applicants, including state and federal agencies, should submit their proposals through this process so they can be evaluated together.
- Agencies can submit proposals that are for programs rather than individual projects. An example would be a proposal to use \$5 million to acquire parcels to add to an existing refuge without specifically identifying parcels.
- Agencies are encouraged to have proposals submitted through a central point of contact. We would ask that any direction they give to their staff on this issue also be provided to the CALFED Restoration Coordination Program staff.
- The RFP package will be distributed widely and if an agency would like to ensure that any specific individual gets copies, they can request that those individuals be added to the list.

At the Ecosystem Roundtable meeting on May 9, in deciding which examples of types of actions to include in the RFP, there are policy issues which will be considered relating to the following types of actions: 1) actions related to flow and water acquisition, 2) actions such as wastewater reclamation that are addressed elsewhere in Prop. 204, 3) evaluation of the feasibility of reintroduction of anadromous fish above existing reservoirs, 4) hatchery expansion, 5) regulatory approaches to problem-solving, 6) changes in SWP and CVP facilities, 7) land retirement, 8) agency coordination, 9) educational projects, 10) climate change, and 11) actions where there is an on-going regulatory action or litigation. CALFED staff will be presenting recommendations regarding which of these actions should or should not be considered for funding from Category III. Advice from the Roundtable as well as any outstanding issues will be presented to the Policy Team.

E. Other

Status of 1998 Federal Budget (David Cottingham - Status/Update)

David Cottingham will provide an update on the status of the Federal appropriation.